Exceptional Clearance

There are only two ways to clear an incident:

- Arrest
- Exceptional Clearance

    If both arrest and exceptional clearance are met, please submit the arrest data.

The following four conditions **MUST** be met to exceptionally clear an incident:

1. The identity of at least one offender is clearly and definitively established
2. Sufficient probable cause supports the arrest, charging, and prosecution of the offender
3. The exact location of the offender is known allowing an arrest to be made (general location is not sufficient nor is a jurisdiction outside of the agencies arresting capabilities)
4. There must be a reason outside the control of law enforcement preventing the arrest

With the above criteria met, MICR collects the following exceptional clearance types:

- Death of the Offender
- Prosecution Declined (other than lack of probable cause)
- In Custody of Other Jurisdiction
- Victim Refused to Cooperate (in the prosecution)
- Juvenile/No Custody (the handling of a juvenile without taking him/her into custody, but rather by notice given to the parents or legal guardian in a case involving a minor offense)

Example 1:

- John Doe was seen on camera committing a crime in Lansing, MI. Two months later, Mackinaw City PD calls Lansing PD to alert them they have arrested John Doe on an unrelated incident. Lansing PD's incident can be cleared with exceptional clearance option "In Custody of Other Jurisdiction."

Example 2:

- Jane Doe was accused of committing a crime. Jane is believed to live in Isabella County. With only this information, this incident cannot be exceptionally cleared because Jane's identity and exact location are unknown.

Example 3:

- A gas station attendant reports the theft of gasoline, then refuses to help the police to further the investigation even though the alleged offender is still on scene. This incident cannot be exceptionally cleared with option "Victim Refused to Cooperate" because that option can only be used with the refusal to assist in the prosecution.